

4-H Family Newsletter



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Dear 4-H Families,

I hope you will take some time to read through this newsletter and learn about all the ways that you can get involved with 4-H this year!

Please remember that Cultural Arts Festival entry forms are due this Friday, March 15th (pg. 3). This is a great opportunity for youth to showcase the creative work they are doing and to receive valuable feedback from knowledgeable judges. This is also a unique opportunity for youth to perform on stage, in front of a kind and supportive audience, Please encourage your children to consider a performance of some sort! The more youth we have up on stage singing, playing their instruments, acting, dancing, etc. the better the day will be! If you accidentally missed the deadline, please get in contact with me, chances are we will have space to include your child's work in the festival.

Short on time for getting entries together? Why not take part in the upcoming 4-H Project Making Day for youth in kindergarten through 4th grade on March 16th (More info on page 4).

Another art contest that you might want to consider is the County Fair Premium Book Cover Contest. (pg. 18). Entries are being accepted now through April 12th.

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Enjoy!



We are looking for your:

- Club updates
- Club activity photos
- Member written articles on anything 4-H

Please submit entries to the 4-H Office by emailing
Kaylie.Lukas@wisc.edu

Entry deadlines for 2024:
Summer Newsletter: May 31st
Fall Newsletter: August 31st
Winter Newsletter: November 30th

4-H Leaders Association Meeting– All volunteers, parents, & older members welcomes!

6:30pm April 15th

Where: Iron River Community Center

4-H Leaders Association Executive Board

President.....Caloney Mesik– Pine Creek
 Vice President.....Cindy Luzzatto- Gitche Gumees
 Secretary.....Maria Renz– Drummond Explorers
 Treasurer.....Dede Maki– Friendly Valley

4-H Cultural Arts Festival

Cloverbuds & 4-H Members:

Please join us for Bayfield County's 4-H Cultural Arts Festival 2024!

Date: Saturday April 13th

Time: approx. 10am-2pm

Location: Drummond School Auditorium and Commons

Register by March 15th!
Scan below for online forms and rules.



What is 4-H Cultural Arts Festival?

4-H Cultural Arts Festival is a historical 4-H event that has been going on for many years now. If you have never been to it, reach out to one of your fellow 4-H club members or leaders and they will be able to tell you about it.

This is a one day event with multiple parts, all related to the arts!

Performances



4-Hers from all over the county can sign up as a group or as an individual to perform a skit, play, puppet show, song, instrumental, dance, or other performance of their choosing on-stage and in front of a supportive audience of 4-H families.

All performances are judged by local artists and professionals and feedback is provided to participants after each performance.

Art & Craft Entries



Bring your drawing, painting, crafts, photography, creative writing, ceramics, & Lego creation entries to the event and set them up on tables in the school's commons area outside of the auditorium.

While the performances take place, a group of local artists go through and judge all of the entries & the award winners for the different categories are announced afterwards on-stage. Judges also provide time to meet one-on-one with individuals and provide them with feedback on their work.

Taking part in 4-H Cultural Arts helps you to learn more about the work you are doing and learn ways that you can improve as an artist. It also provides you a competitive experience that will help you to prepare for the fair. You can enter the items you enter at 4-H Cultural Arts at the fair too, so this can give you a head start and feedback on your fair entries!

What to Expect

Now- March 15

Look over the entry forms and work with your families & club to determine what you plan to enter, and if you plan to take part in an individual or group performance.

Remember performances can be fun and short! The more performance entries we have the better! This is your chance to get the experience of being up on a stage.

We love simple performances from younger members, and short skits or groups of friends and family members. Have fun with this opportunity and get involved in your club!

Are you learning how to play an instrument? Consider performing a song you have been working on. Do you like to sing? Why not sing us one of your favorite songs? Group performances are a great way for your club to collaborate with one another.

March 15th: Entry forms are due to the 4-H Office. This will give us enough time to plan for the event and make sure we have enough knowledgeable judges for the different categories.

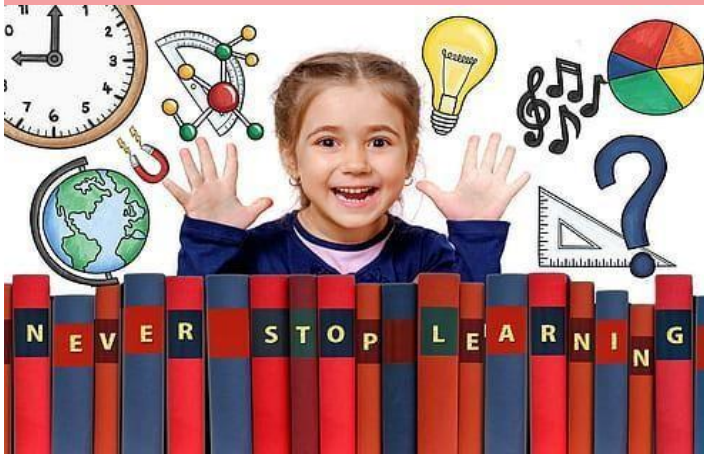
April 1st: A schedule of events and specific details will be sent out to participating families.

April 5th: Last day to drop off your entries at the 4-H office if you do not plan to attend the event in-person on the 13th.

April 13th: Showtime!

Now is the time to start planning your entries so that they are ready to go by April! Forms available on website.

Other Upcoming 4-H Opportunities



4-H Project Making Day led by Bayfield County 4-H Teen Ambassadors

Let's get together With 4-H!

Calling all Bayfield County 4-H and non 4-H youngsters K- 4th grade:

Join Brooklyn Benson and other Bayfield County 4-H Ambassadors for a day of project making.

**Ashland Vaughn Library- 2nd floor meeting room
March 16th
9:30 - Noon**

Together we will create...

- ◆ Lego creation- choose a project, create it, and take it home.
- ◆ Clay art –take and bake project you can paint at home
- ◆ Performing arts tutorial -poem recitation and prop

*Free + snack included

We will all go home with 3 projects ready to exhibit in the Cultural Arts Festival in Drummond on April 13th, Bayfield County Fair or both. All participants will also go home with information and registration forms, as well as information on area 4-H clubs and info on how to join.

**Limited space is still available.
Sign up now by scanning below,
or contact the 4-H office at 715-373-3287**



Foods Revue
Saturday, May 4th,
Iron River Community Center
Theme: SUMMER KICK OFF



All Cloverbuds and members in the Foods and Nutrition project are invited to participate in this fun and educational event. (You can join the project anytime before March 31st).

Foods Revue is a Bayfield County Junior Fair event that happens before the actual fair. It is judged face-to-face by a certified fair judge.

Participants choose a recipe based on the years' theme. And the day of the revue you will prepare the food at home, then take the food to where the revue will be held, along with table service and a card with the recipe & ingredients list.

This is a great way to take part in a face-to-face judging experience and to receive constructive feedback from a certified judge!

Please sign up by April 15th.
Scan below for more information and entry form:



Clothing & Textiles Revue

Saturday, May 4th,
Iron River Community Center

Entry forms due April 15th

What is the Bayfield County Junior Fair Clothing & Textiles Revue?

Clothing revue is a fair event with face-to-face judging that takes place prior to the actual fair. Any 4-H members in the clothing, sewing, knitting, or crocheting projects are encouraged to take part. Members in Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Boys & Girls Clubs, or other fair recognized youth organizations are also invited. Participants receive premiums and ribbons for their entries just like they do for other fair entries. The premiums you receive at this event will be added on to your regular fair premium check that goes after the fair.



Why should I take part in Clothing Revue?

Clothing Revue gives youth the opportunity to receive valuable feedback about their project work from a knowledgeable certified judge. It is also a fun time to

meet other Bayfield County 4-H members that are interested in sewing, knitting, & crocheting and it is a good way to see what kinds of projects other youth are working on so that you can reflect on your own work and plan future projects.

View more info and entry forms by scanning the QR code or contact the 4-H Office at 715-373-3287.



Save the date for the Bayfield County



June 29-July 1st
Camp Crosswoods in Delta

Campers: Grades 3-7
Counselors in training: 8th graders
Counselors: Grades 9-12

Interested in being a camp counselor this year? Applications are due May 1st. Please contact the 4-H Office at 715-373-3289 for more information.

Equine Mini Clinic for Grades 3-5

Led by 4-H Ambassador Avana Beeksma, learn about groundwork, showmanship basics, horse education & care, taking part in the fair, and tack basics!



Saturday, March 17th, 1-3pm

For more information please contact the 4-H office.

Equine Council 4-H Horse Clinic



When: 12-4pm, Saturday, March 23rd

Where: Bayfield County Fairgrounds

What: Join us for an informative day of learning about horses.

- 1pm visit from horse veterinarian— presentation covering basic horse care and veterinary care
- Visit from local farrier— discussion on hoof care

Further details will be mailed and emailed to horse project members soon.

Questions? Please contact crystal Wehrman at 715-919-2848

Sign up to get your seeds for the 2024 4-H Giant Pumpkin & Giant Sunflower contests!

Seeds are mailed to all 4-H members, leaders, & parents that sign up, free of charge.

To sign up, contact the 4-H Office or scan the QR code below.





Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H Wisconsin 4-H Forestry

Website <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/outdoor-education/>

Email: wi4hwildlifeforestry@gmail.com

“TRACKS”

Participation in wildlife & forestry activities is open to all Wisconsin 4-H club members.

You can be enrolled in any 4-H project and participate in the activities.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

March 22 & 23, 2024

4-H Wildlife & Forestry Art Contest

West Bend, WI

March 22 & 23, 2024

Wildlife WHEP WI 4-H Contest (NQE - WHEP)

West Bend, WI

March 22 & 23, 2024

Wisconsin 4-H Forestry Contest (NQE - Forestry)

West Bend, WI

March 22 & 23, 2024

4-H Wildlife Contest & Tri-County Archery & Air Rifle Tournament

West Bend, WI

Wildlife & Woods Explorations - Virtual Sessions: Designed for K-5 and elementary grade youth. The next interactive sessions for your family are on January 24, February 28, March 27, April 24, & May 22. Free registration is available in your family 4-H Online account under the Events section, The Zoom link will be emailed after the registration is complete. Questions? Email: wi4hwildlifeforestry@gmail.com

Wildlife & Woods Careers & Competition - Virtual Sessions:

Designed for middle and high school youth. The next interactive sessions for your family are on January 22, February 26, March 25, April 22, & May 20. Free registration is available in your family

4-H Online account under the Events section, The Zoom link will be emailed after the registration is complete. Questions? Email: wi4hwildlifeforestry@gmail.com

Wildlife WHEP & Forestry Contests Dates: March 22 & 23, 2024. **Study guides and registration forms for the contest are available so email us.** The National WHEP (Wildlife Habitat Education Program) Manual www.whep.org/ & the National Forestry Manual www.4hforestryinvitational.org/ are nationally accredited resources.

It's also available at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/outdoor-education/> or email us anytime.

Backyard & Back 40 “Kit-To-Go” Activity Boxes: There are 15 different Backyard & Back 40 wildlife & forestry related programs. Each program offers many different hands-on educational opportunities for kids and adults of all ages. Programs can be presented by your own 4-H youth & adult leaders. We'll provide the instructions for you to build your own 4-H Club “Kit-To-Go” hands-on activity boxes.

Email: wi4hwildlifeforestry@gmail.com and request the “Kit-To-Go” boxes. NEW – Bird Feeders & Bird Watching Journal

Fun with Cake Decorating Goosechase

Open to youth 3rd grade & older. Take part in a Cake Decorating Goosechase. Inspired by scavenger hunts, Goosechase is an online platform used to create fun interactive experiences.

Between March 15th & May 1st, new information and Goosechase missions will be released weekly. We will share resources, learn from experts, and help each other build our skills!

Hands on activities and opportunity to connect with other youth will help you learn about:

- Basic decorating tools and skills
- Quality resources
- Success tips from your fellow participants
- Cake experts in your community
- Careers or further education that connect to your ‘spark’



Limited FREE materials available: piping frosting kits & fondant kits. Register now! >>



Get involved in Bayfield County 4-H This Year!

As a 4-H member you will have the opportunity to:

- Make Friends
- Develop life skills
- Build confidence
- Learn by doing
- Become a leader
- Take part in activities with your family and local community
- Work with kids and adults from many different age groups and generations
- Take the initiative to choose your projects, set goals, and be in charge of your own learning
- Have fun

What have you done within 4-H to build on these pieces already? What are some new things you could try this year?



How to get the most out of your 4-H Year

How involved you are in 4-H, and how much you gain from 4-H is really up to you. To get the most out of 4-H we recommend that you:

1. Attend and take part in your club meetings and activities & learn about and get involved with club leadership roles when possible.
2. Take part in our Bayfield County 4-H events such as Cultural Arts Festival, The Bayfield County Fair, & 4-H Summer Camp
3. Keep track of your 4-H work, learning, involvement, and accomplishments by completing a Permanent Record & Record Book
4. Enter in the Bayfield County Fair.

4-H Motto: To Make the Best Better

What does this mean to you? How will you make the best better?

The 4-H Pledge

The 4-H Pledge was written by Kansas State's first 4-H leader Otis E. Hall in 1927, and was later adapted in 1973 to include "...and my world." at the end of the pledge. As you recite the pledge at meetings, think about how this pledge that is almost 100 years old still relates to the youth of today. What does the pledge mean to you? Are you striving to live by this pledge?

I pledge
My Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty,
My hands to larger service, and
My Health to better living,
For my club, my community, my country, and my world.

Learn by Doing

The official 4-H Slogan is to "Learn by doing". Rather than learning just by reading about a topic, we want you to get out there and do something. Whether that means you're learning about animal husbandry by raising a calf up until it's a full grown steer; learning about your community's needs by talking with residents and developing and implementing a community service project, or learning how to design and sew a dress, the projects you chose will lead you to learn by doing this year.



4-H Projects

4-H Projects

The projects you chose when you enrolled in September are your starting point for planning out your 4-H year. 4-H Projects are the sparks, or areas of interest that you want to learn more about in the coming year. If you are not sure what projects you chose, or if you want to add or change projects, you can either contact the Bayfield County 4-H Office or view them by signing into your 4HOnline account.

The deadline for adding and changing projects is **March 31st**. This allows enough time for us to get accurate member reports to the Fair Office, and also gives you enough time to work on the project you selected.



Project Work

Remember that the "4-H Year" begins when you enroll in September and culminates with the Bayfield County Fair in August. How you learn about your projects throughout the year is up to you, but we recommend that you use one of our 4-H Project Record Sheets to help you to set goals for yourself, and to keep track of what you have done. There are sheets designed specifically for the different projects, as well as a more general one, all located on our web-site.

If there is a club or county project leader for your project, get to know them, and make sure you attend their project meetings. If your project does not have a 4-H Project Leader, be creative. You could seek out and learn from members in your community that have knowledge about your project.

Many adults will be happy to teach you about what they know and may be willing to allow you to shadow them for a time. A willingness to help or lend a hand is always appreciated, and you can learn a lot in this way. If you have a group of club members who are in the same project as you, you could also consider planning a club activity that is centered around that project.

Top 4-H Projects in Bayfield County This Year

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| 1. Cloverbuds | 11. Poultry |
| 2. Photography | 12. Horse |
| 3. Arts & Crafts | 13. Fishing |
| 4. Drawing & Painting | 14. Pottery |
| 5. Cross Country Skiing | 15. Beef Market Sale |
| 6. Beef | 16. Cake Decorating |
| 7. LEGOs | 17. Flowers |
| 8. Woodworking | 18. Vegetables |
| 9. Ceramics | 19. Archery |
| 10. Foods & Nutrition | 20. Block Printing |



Curriculum

If you would like some guidance with your project work, or if you are a project leader that wants a guide of what you should cover in your project meetings, remember that 4-H has a library of over 450 project curriculum books to choose from. The curriculum books are an excellent resource to help guide you in your project work and give you ideas for what to work on and activities to do that are based on your age and year in the project.

You can view the available curriculum at shop4-H.com. The Bayfield County 4-H office has many of these titles available for rent at no cost to you. If you are interested in something, please contact the office before you buy.

4-H Records & Achievement Awards



Record Books

The 4-H Record Book is a 3-ring binder or electronic document that summarizes what you have done in the 4-H year.

If you have never seen a record book before, ask your club leader to show you an example of an outstanding record book. The books can be fairly basic, but they can also be a creative and fun scrapbook that documents your 4-H year.

4-H Record Books help to build youth's record keeping, documentation, and organization skills. They also help youth to set goals for themselves, develop a plan, and see it to completion.

You can look back on these books years later and see how much you have grown and achieved through the years. The permanent record sheets in the books can also be used as a quick reference on achievements you've made and awards you've won, which can be a valuable tool as you get older and want to apply for scholarships and colleges.

A guide to what to include in your record book, and pdfs of all the documents to include are located on our website. If you would like assistance in starting a record book, check in with your club leader or call the 4-H office. We will be more than happy to help you and can also print off materials and mail them to you if you prefer.

Permanent Record

The 4-H Permanent record is a points system that was developed by the Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association and updated in 2021. It is a 6 page document that keeps track of what you have done throughout your 4-H career (Grades 3-13).

The permanent record keeps track of projects you have been involved in, 4-H club activities, county 4-H activities, state & national activities, and awards received in chronological order.

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If you complete a 4-H Record Book, this is part of what is included in the book, but you can also turn the Permanent Record into your club leader on its own in September. You add up your points at the end of each 4-H year and can then receive Achievement Awards based on the total amount of points you have accrued in your career.

4-H Achievement Awards

The 4-H Achievement Awards are the awards you will receive when you turn in your Permanent Record at the end of the 4-H Year. The first award starts with the Bronze award at 75 total points and processes to Silver, Gold, Gold +1, Gold +2, etc.

Award winners are presented with a wooden achievement plaque at our 4-H Awards & Recognition dinner each fall. Like being promoted from one grade to the next in school, marking your 4H achievement this way can give you a sense of accomplishment and pride as you grow and develop in your skills and as a person.



4-H Shields

Another way to receive recognition and to keep track of your progress in 4-H is to take part in our 4-H Shield program. All 4-H members in 3rd grade and up are welcome to participate in this program that is funded and managed by the Bayfield County 4-H Extension Office.

In your first year as a 4-H member (3rd grade & up) your club leader will order a shield holder for you. That year, and each additional year that you are in the 4-H program, you and your club leader will decide what you have achieved in that year. Achievement could be based on a project that you were in, or it could be based on a leadership role you held within your club.

To see a list of available shields, you can visit [at-industries.com/products/discs](http://industries.com/products/discs)

This is a nice item that you can hang on your wall in your room or in your home that shows how you have been involved in 4-H throughout the years.

Meet your 4-H Ambassadors:

4-H Ambassador Program

Our Bayfield County 4-H Ambassadors are the role models of our county's 4-H program. They are dedicated and ambitious 4-H members who are interested in collaborating with other county youth to improve the Bayfield County 4-H program. They reach the public with the 4-H story, help other 4-H'ers better understand the 4-H program, promote 4-H programs and events in the media, and assist with 4-H programs and events.

When you apply for Bayfield County 4-H Older member Awards, please consider becoming one of our Bayfield County 4-H Ambassadors!

Our 2024 Ambassadors are:

Avana Beeksma- Pine Creek
Brooklyn Benson- Friendly Valley
Tyler Lind- Friendly Valley
Chalee Luzzatto- Gitche Gumees
Owen Markin- Friendly Valley
Erik Maki- Friendly Valley
Josie Martinez- Friendly Valley
Mosiah Martinez- Friendly Valley
Logan Roush- Friendly Valley
Thor Tuura- Gitche Gumees
Sam Tuttle- Drummond Explorers

Tyler Lind



My name is Tyler Lind and I am an 8th grader at Washburn middle school. Some of my interests and hobbies are painting, fishing, drumming, and skiing. In school I am on the baseball team, basketball team, and the Mt. Ashwabay ski team. I have been in 4-H for about a year and one of my

favorite activities so far was getting to exhibit my artwork at the county fair. It has also been fun to meet new people and help out the community.

Sam Tuttle



I am Sam Tuttle. I am a 12 year 4-H member. I am a senior at Drummond high school. I participate in Ice fishing, mascotting for school events, and Nordic skiing. Some of my hobbies are mountain biking and rugby. My most favorite 4-H project is sheep. I started in the sheep project in 3rd grade. In the past couple years I have been able to mentor younger members into the sheep program. I encourage others as I did to get more kids involved and help them to start their projects.

Brooklyn Benson



Hello, my name is Brooklyn Benson. I am 14 years old. I live in Washburn with my mom and dad. I have two older brothers in the Air Force. Sam is 21 and in Alaska, and Hawken is 20 and he is in Tokyo Japan. I attend private school in Ashland. I live out in the country on an old apple orchard. I have one horse, a lot of chickens, a cat, and two dogs!! Some of my hobbies include hunting, baking, and crafting. I am an American farm girl. I play volleyball and enjoy time with my family and friends.

I haven't always lived in Washburn..... Most of my childhood I lived in Spring Valley, Wisconsin, I have always loved being in 4-H, I have learned so much and I have had so many good opportunities for service projects and just for learning new skills!! I vividly remember one service project we did that I especially loved. Our whole club got to hang out and make tie blankets to give to a nursing home!! We moved to Washburn 5 years ago, and now I am the president of the Friendly Valley 4-H club!! I love being an older member in the club!!

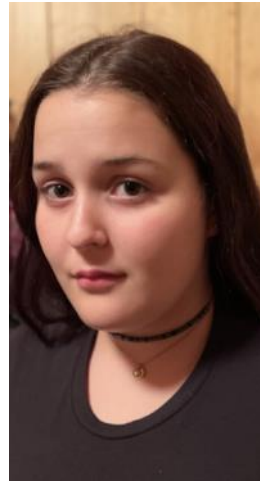
Mosiah Martinez



My name is Mosiah, and I've been in 4-H for 5 years now. This is my first year as an ambassador, but I've held other leadership roles in the past. I was a C.I.T at 4-H camp last summer, and a counselor for Cloverbud day camp. I like to

volunteer in my hometown of Cornucopia, and my interests are music, photography and art.

Josie Martinez



My name is Josie Martinez and I am the Vice President of Friendly Vally 4H. I have been in 4H since 2020 and my favorite part is probably the leadership opportunities. Some of my hobbies include acting, singing, reading and playing with my puppy. I am a straight A student at South Shore Middle School, along with playing percussion

for the band, and playing on the volleyball team. I look forward to all the opportunities that being an ambassador will provide.

Avana Beeksma



I am Avana Beeksma. I am 17 and a Junior at Washburn High School. I am a choreographer, dance captain, and section leader in Washburn's competitive show choir, Fire & Ice. I also participate in Drama Club and am on the Prom Committee. Some of

my hobbies are ice skating and reading. My favorite 4-H projects are horses and baking. Since becoming an ambassador in 8th grade I have enjoyed mentoring younger members in the Horse Project. As an Older Member, I have taken advantage of the opportunities 4-H has offered me, such as attending statewide and national 4-H events such as Fall Forum, Advanced Space Academy, Drama Company, and National 4-H Congress.

Chalee Luzzatto



My name is Chalee I am a sophomore at South Shore and like to ride horses and play sports. I am very involved with 4H, I am an ambassador, vice president of the Gitche Gumee 4H club, and president of the equine council. I have been in 4H for about 8 years. My favorite 4H projects are, horses, cake decorating, and photography. I would encourage younger meme era to try horses and projects that you might be a little nervous to start, because there is older members that are always there to help you. So I encourage you to try new things and make new friends!

Owen Markin



My name is Owen Markin and I am a freshman at Washburn High School. I have been in 4-H for seven years. I am involved in baseball, cross country, trap shooting and Boy Scouts. My hobbies include fishing, hunting and riding my ATV.

Erik Maki



My name is Erik Maki. I am a Freshman at Washburn High School. Some of my hobbies are basketball, baseball, cross country running, fishing, and hunting. I like to bake and work at Coco's in Washburn.

I have been in the Friendly Valley 4-H club for seven years as a member, and three years as a Cloverbud. I have been a club officer in the past. I enjoy entering photography, woodworking, and baked goods at the Bayfield County Fair. You may have seen me there because I like to help with judging in the Exhibit Hall and working at the 4-H Food Stand. 4-H Camp and Foods Revue are other 4-H county activities I like to participate in. Last summer, I went to the 4-H Summer Academy in Madison and I am looking forward to going on the 4-H American Spirit Experience this summer.



Thor Tuura



Hey 4-Hers! My name is Thor Tuura and I am a member of the Gitche Gume 4-H club. I am a Sophomore at Northwestern High School and I have been doing all things 4-H for as long as I can remember. I play Football and am a Thrower in Track. I enjoy hunting and fishing whether in a boat or on the ice, if you don't find me fishing or hunting, than I am working on or riding my 4 wheeler. One of the things about 4-H that I like, it that there are plenty of different projects you can sign up for. I do not have livestock, but there are a ton of different projects I have done over the years. It may come as a surprise but my favorite projects are Fishing and Hunting! You can add in there woodworking, pottery too. I have been a Jr. Leader in the Foods and Clothing projects also. As an ambassador I like being able to help others in 4-H and showing them what 4-H has meant to me and what opportunities 4-H can give them.

Logan Roush



Club: Friendly Valley
Favorite projects: photography & woodworking

This is Logan's 2nd year as an ambassador.

Bayfield County's 4-H Clubs

Bayfield County 4-H is home to 6 community clubs, as well as 3 project specific clubs.

4-H Community Clubs

Drummond Explorers
Friendly Valley
Gitche Gumee
Ino Valley
Pine Creek
Whispering Pines

Project Specific Clubs

Bayfield County 4-H Market Sale
Equine Council
4-H CANSKI

Read on to learn more and see what some of our clubs have been up to!

4-H CANSKI

4-H CANSKI (Chequamegon Area Nordic Ski) is a joint Ashland & Bayfield County project specific 4-H club. Our mission is to promote fun, fitness, safety, and excellence in the lifelong sport of cross country skiing. All area youth are welcome to join!

A group of dedicated 4-H volunteers lead age based instruction throughout the season (January & February) and we have an affordable ski, boot, and pole rental program so that our youth can have access to equipment that fits them well.

It's been a strange season for CANSKI with so little snow and poor skiing conditions for much of the year. Even so, 64 youth from our county and 9 adult leaders still took part and made the best of the season. Older youth competed in area races, and younger youth met out at Mt. Ashwabay for ski instruction each Sunday (when the weather allowed for it). We wrapped things up with a visit from Olympic champion Kikkan Randall and a year end get together with a bonfire and smores. Let's home for better skiing next year!



4-H CANSKI members meet Olympic Champion Kikkan Randall.



Posing after the Mt. Ashwabay Summit Race.



Hitting the trails on one of the days when we actually had snow.

Did you know that it's easy to start your own club?

To become a 4-H club, all you need are:

- **5 or more youth ages K-13 from 2 or more families that want to join**
- **1 or more adults willing to become 4-H adult volunteers**

Clubs can be a traditional **community club** that focus on leadership development, community service, and hands on learning for youth of all ages and interests in your local community.

Clubs can also be **project specific**. In project clubs, activities and meetings are organized around a specific 4-H project that all the youth that are involved are interested in.

4-H Clubs can be anything you want them to be and they can come in all shapes and sizes. If you are interested in starting a new club in our county, please contact the 4-H office and we will help to get you started.

Ino Valley

Just before Valentines Day, Ino valley 4-H members frosted valentine cookies for gift baskets for the White River homemakers club. The cheerful goodie baskets were then delivered to friends and neighbors . It's a welcomed surprise for the people .

It's a project worked on together, The 4-H club members are doing a volunteer, community project, and the moms are helping them with yummy frosting and beautiful designs on the cookies. It was hard to keep from sampling the cookies, but they made it to the gift baskets.

Thanks to the 4-H club and moms for the good cookies.



Ino Valley club members frosting Valentine's cookies that will go to gift baskets for the White River Homemakers club.



Look at all those beautiful cookies!

Pine Creek

Pine Creek is a the 4-H Community Club of the Moquah area. They typically meet the last Thursday of each moth at the Moquah Town Hall.

Pine Creek 4H Club is one of the oldest and largest clubs in Bayfield County. Our club represents a lot of varying interests, we have members who are passionate about flowers, photography, horses, beef, chickens, crops, Legos and so much more.

We try and meet each month of the year, some months we have a meeting and project to work on, other months we are out in the community having fun and learning new things. Each December we help host the Moquah Christmas Program for children, we also sing carols and handout handmade Christmas cards to nursing home residents. We host an annual garage sale to raise funds for our club outings. These funds have been used to go skating, sledding, buy materials to plant veggies/fruits, tie-dye, visit local businesses and so much more.

We have a lot of fun at our meetings and try to make sure that all 4H members are able to share their ideas and plan future events.



Pine Creek 4-H members at their December meeting.



Pine Creek members toured Tetzner's Dairy as one of their club activities.

Friendly Valley Club Highlights

By: Brooklyn Benson

November brought in our newly elected officials at Friendly Valley 4-H. We held our elections and welcomed President Brooklyn Benson, Vice President Josie Martinez, Secretary Prescott Bell and second year treasurer Nathan Saari. We look forward to a productive year.

The county awards banquet was also held this month. Our club had many successful members with several of them winning trips. It was a great evening. A big thankyou and shoutout to Kaylie and Ian for all their hard work. After all that we jumped right into our service project. Friendly Valley has had a long standing tradition of gifting families Thanksgiving meals with the help of community donations. This is a project that gets voted back every year, we all value its worth. We would like to thank our community and Hansens IGA for your support throughout the years. We had a very generous year and were able to gift families again with needed holiday food.



Friendly Valley 4-H members shopping for Thanksgiving meal donations at the Hansen's IGA. Pictured are from left to right: Erik Maki, Emmy Roush, Owen Markin, & Logan Roush.

In December our president and vice president planned our holiday party with some input from the club. We opted to change our venue this year to save the \$150.00 rental charge for the club. We voted on using the saved money to get pizza and not require our families to contribute to potluck. We were able to use the Washburn public library for free after hours. Thank you to the library staff for all they do for our club. The party was a very good time. We kept it short and sweet. We ate a lot of pizza and played games as a group. It was a great time to hang out with everyone all together. Even some parents joined in.

December ended with a very cool Bayfield fisheries tour. We got a behind the scenes tour with a very knowledgeable guide. He shared amazing historical facts and showed us the great work that goes on there. I would encourage anyone, especially other 4-H clubs to check it out.

Now off to the new year. We have a busy few months coming up. Pack your bags for Winter camp, and start crafting, drawing, picture taking and perfecting your performances. We hope to see you all at the Cultural Arts fair in April.

Whispering Pines



January: Our organization meeting was lead by Marla Lahti since last years president graduated.

Member introductions were made with giving your name and projects you are in.

The years activities and fund raisers were discussed:
Car wash
Bake sale
Adopt a highway
Humaine society
Sewing pillowcases for the hospital

Nominatations and electction of officers were held, they are as follows;

President- Paige Lahti
VP- Idella Wilcox
Secty'- Brady Lahti
Treas- Dexton Wilcox

February: In February we made club shirts!

Gitche Gumee

Gitche Gumee is the oldest and largest 4-H club in Bayfield County! They meet the first Wednesday of each month at the Oulu Workshop.

At a recent meeting Gitche Gumee went over record books and handed out all the basic forms needed. They have also been doing some fun activities like making valentines for local seniors, and hosting the annual Mojakka Dinner in Oulu.

Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association

The Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association exists:

1. To further the development of youth through the 4-H program in Bayfield County.
2. To determine policy for and conduct of the 4-H program in Bayfield County.
3. To plan, conduct and evaluate 4-H work and appropriate training activities with the assistance of University Extension Office personnel.
4. To bring up for discussion the concerns and ideas of the 4-H members and certified leaders and to propose and follow up on possible solutions or appropriate actions.
5. To provide the necessary funds for 4-H activities and events.

If you are a 4-H leader, older member, or parent of a member we encourage you to get involved with the Leaders Association! All certified volunteers and enrolled members in 8th grade and up have a vote!

The Leaders Association meets most months of the year, on the 3rd Monday of the month. Please see our website for an up to date meeting calendar. If you are curious about what is going on in 4-H at the county level, or if you have an opinion, suggestion, or idea we encourage you to attend a meeting or contact someone on the association's executive board or at our 4-H Office.

President: Caloney Mesik- Pine Creek
Vice President: Cindy Luzzatto-Gitche Gumeo
Secretary: Maria Renz- Drummond Explorers
Treasurer: Dede Maki- Friendly Valley

Month	Date	Location	Primary Business items
January	1/15/2024	Iron River Community Center	*Executive Board
			1. Welcoming & training in of new officers- hand out updated binders
			2. Visioning & planning for the year ahead
February	2/19/2024	Eileen Town Hall	General
March	3/18/2024	Zoom	*Executive Board
			1. Senior scholarship decisions
April	4/15/2024	Iron River Community Center	General
May	5/20/2024	Zoom	*Executive Board
			Review & plan July 2024-June 2025 Budget
June	6/17/2024	Eileen Town Hall	1. Approve July 2023- June 2025 Budget
			2. 4-H Food Booth shift sign-up
July	7/15/2024	Iron River Community Center	Fair prep.
August	None- Fair		
September	9/16/2024	Eileen Town hall	Planning for Awards Dinner & Annual Meeting
October	10/21/2024	Zoom	*Executive Board
November	11/18/2024	Iron River Community Center	*Annual Meeting
			1. Elections: President & Secretary
			2. Approval of 2024 Calendar
			3. Bylaws changes

Meeting Minutes- Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association

Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association Annual Meeting Monday, November 27th 6:30pm Eileen Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm by Caloney Mesik.

Pledges

Roll Call: President Caloney Mesik, Treasurer Andy Tuttle, Kaylie Lukas, Ian Meeker, Secretary Maria Renz, John Mesik

Secretary's Report - Maria Renz

Motion to approve September's and October's minutes made by John, seconded by Andy. Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report- Andy Tuttle

Camp Invoice was paid. Total in cash and investments: \$ 53,101.38

Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Maria, seconded by John. Motion Carried

Correspondence:

Mckenna Coy and Avana Beeksma each sent a check for their payment of attending 4-H Congress. We discussed Avanna's invoice and determined that the invoice was fair since the association agreed to pay for half the cost which was half the invoice. We are going to attempt to contact Sara Pully one more time for Nick's invoice.

Old Business

Awards Dinner recap: There was a good turnout, everyone liked the slideshow. We discussed gathering people's opinion on combining fair awards with the awards dinner. We will present at another meeting and possibly have an awards dinner committee. Have a discussion on revamping the OMA process.

Fall Forum recap: no one in attendance to report.

New Business

Bylaws Changes: We discussed the changes made and the correct copy.

Motion to approve Bylaw changes per Maria's copy made by Andy, seconded by John. Motion Carried

Election of Officers

Due to no other accepted nominations we casted a unanimous ballot for Cindy Luzzatto elected as Vice President and Dede Maki elected as Treasurer.

Dede Maki and Caloney Mesik are to be the new signers of the bank checking account and savings account at Chippewa Valley Bank. Andy Tuttle and Rebecca Crumb-Johnson are to be removed from the bank accounts bank accounts.

Motion to table the position of the member-at-large for the February meeting to gauge interest from other clubs made by Andy, seconded by Maria. Motion Carried

2024 Calendar: Remove club hosts, leaders association could possibly provide some snacks.

Committees: Kaylie will work on.

Motion to table the position of the member-at-large for the February meeting to gauge interest from other clubs made by Andy, seconded by Maria. Motion Carried

Motion to approve the 2024 calendar dates without club hosts made by John, seconded by Andy. Motion Carried

Motion to adjourn at 7:40pm made by Andy, seconded by John. Motion Carried

**Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association
Executive Meeting
Monday, January 22, 2024, 5:30pm
Eileen Town Hall**

Meeting called to order at 5:49 pm by Caloney Mesik.

Pledges

Roll Call: President Caloney Mesik, Treasurer Dede Maki, Kaylie Lukas, Ian Meeker, Secretary Maria Renz

Secretary's Report - Maria Renz

Discussion on follow up for Nick Pully's invoice.

Motion to approve November's minutes made by Dede, seconded by Caloney. Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report- None

Program Updates:

Market Sale: Caloney reported that the weigh-ins took place. It was discussed that we haven't seen any minutes from the market sale. The board would like Market Sale to submit their minutes to Kaylie.

4-H Canski: Ian reported that they have started elementary this past Sunday. It was delayed due to snow and temperatures. Elementary is the vast majority of the club, there are 60 members from the county and over 100 families.

Old Business

Treasury name transfers: Kaylie discussed the signature of Andy and the move for Dede and Caloney. Chippewa needs Andy's and Caloney's signatures.

By-law changes review and approve: the updated bylaws were provided and confirmed to be the ones that were previously approved.

New Business

Executive Board Binders: passed out to everyone present.

Cultural Arts Festival: Kaylie created a newsletter with information. The festival will take place on April 13th at the Drummond School. Drummond Explorers is willing to host, ask if they want to host breakfast or lunch or both. The menu will be discussed as the date gets closer. Clothing/Foods Revue will be held separately, possibly in Iron River in April/May.

4-H Ambassadors: We had a quick discussion on having them more involved.

Mini Grant review: Brooklyn Benson applied for a mini grant. Everyone is looking forward to seeing the results.

Motion to approve Brooklyn Benson's mini grant application made by Maria, seconded by Dede. Motion Carried

State event payments:

County Fair and Premium list

Dues

Motion to adjourn at 7:00pm made by Dede, seconded by Caloney . Motion Carried

Next meeting date: February 19th at 6:30pm at the Eileen Town Hall

Minutes Submitted by Maria Renz

Upcoming Meeting Topics

****please plan to attend April meeting or submit comments:**

- ⇒ **Possible changes to the 4-H Fair Awards at the fairgrounds & changes to the Awards & Recognition Dinner**
- ⇒ **Fair planning: fair awards, food booth, donation requests, etc.**

Bayfield County Fair: Save the date! August 8-11th

Save the date: The 2024 Bayfield County Fair will be held on August 8-11th this year.

All Cloverbuds and 4-H members are encouraged to enter into the fair each year. As you are doing your project work throughout the year, we encourage you to look through the Bayfield County Fair Premium List to see what fair entries you could submit that are related to your project work.

Please remember that Cloverbuds (Grades K-2) are only allowed to enter in the Junior Exploring-Cloverbuds Department 117. This special department for our younger members gives them the opportunity to learn more about how the fair and judging works, and has more age appropriate entry options. Cloverbuds also have the opportunity to interact with 4-H teens (Our 4-H Ambassadors) to talk about their entries with them. And all Cloverbuds who take part in this face-to-face judging receive a big fancy ribbon from the Fair Office!

Many 4-H'ers use the premium list as a guide to help them decide what their project work goals and activities will include for the year. 4-H and the county fair are historically tied to one another, and the premium list is oftentimes based on 4-H curriculum and 4-H developed age based standards.

The competitive nature and judging at the fair gives 4-H'ers the opportunity to showcase their project work, whether that's a craft item, garden vegetable, or animal you have raised. 4-Hers that take part in the fair will learn where their exhibit stands in relation to other youth's projects, and can receive valuable feedback on their work from the judges.

Premium Book Cover Contest

The Bayfield County Fair is accepting entries for the 2024 Bayfield County Fair Premium List cover! Entries are due April 12th. One entry will be chosen and be used as the Premium List cover, promoted on social media, and in other advertising, and the club that submits the winning entry will be listed on the cover of the Premium List.

- Entries should be at least 8.5"×11", but preferably 11"×17".
- Entries can be hand drawn or computer designed

Please Include, or leave a space to include:

- Fair logo— let us know if you need a copy
- Fair name— Bayfield County Fair
- Fair dates— August 8-11, 2024
- 4-H clover— let us know if you need a copy

4-H Family Newsletter

4-H Food Booth

Remember that all 4-H clubs work 1-2 shifts at the 4-H Food Booth each year. Please consider assisting your club with their shift!

This is the greatest source of funding for the Bayfield County 4-H leaders Association, and funds raised help to pay for youth scholarships for trips, mini-grants, and other educational opportunities.

This year's food booth managers will be Jake & Danna Benson. If you would like to help them out and get involved on the Food Booth Committee, please contact the 4-H Office!



Some fair related dates to remember:

March 31: Last day to change or add 4-H Projects in 4HOnline.

Why do we have this date? On April 1st of each year our 4-H Office submits a report of all 4-H members and the projects they are enrolled in to the Fair Office. They use this information to generate the personalized fair entry forms that go out to club members in the spring. Remember that all junior fair entries must be related to a 4-H project you are currently in.

June 21st: Deadline for clubs to getting fair entry forms in. (Please submit entries to your clubs prior to this date by the date given by your leader).

This date is set each year by the Fair Office and your 4-H Club Leader will hand out entry forms at their May or June meeting and will provide you with the deadline that you should return the completed forms to them. Each club submits all their club's entry forms to the Fair Office together as one big group/stack of papers.

Fair Awards

Though there is a lot more to the fair than ribbons and trophies, it is a fun and rewarding experience to receive that blue ribbon, or best of show trophy or plaque for the first time.

Ribbons and premiums are provided and funded by the Bayfield County Fair Office (not 4-H) and are based on the judging results. Please refer to the current Fair Premium List to see which premiums and ribbons are provided.



4-H Fair Awards

Each year the Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association provides over 100 trophies, plaques, and cash awards to junior fair members. These awards are typically funded by local area businesses and supporters of 4-H. These awards are separate from the fair awards and are listed in the current year's premium list.

4-H Awards are typically handed out on the last day of the fair at our 4-H Fair Awards Ceremony. However, our Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association is considering handling this differently this year. More information on this will be forthcoming as we get closer to fair time. In the meantime, if you as a parent have any feedback regarding the fair awards ceremony you can get in contact with the 4-H Leaders Association Executive Board, or attend one of the Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association meetings.



Bayfield County 4-H Market Sale

If you are a 4-H member in the beef, sheep, swine, or meat goat projects you should consider taking part in the Bayfield County 4-H Market Sale when you are eligible.

The 4-H Market Sale is a unique opportunity for youth to gain the experience of raising, caring for, and selling a market animal in an auction at the Bayfield County Fair.



Many local businesses have been very supportive of this sale throughout the years. Youth sellers keep 93% of the sale price for their animal and the remaining 7% goes to the Bayfield County 4-H Market Sale to cover the costs of promotion, trucking, and bidder/buyer reception.

This can be a very educational and rewarding experience for participating youth. Though it can sometimes be profitable as well, the focus of the sale is to educate 4-H youth about animal husbandry, economics, and market animal sales. Learning always comes first in 4-H!

To be eligible for 4-H Market Sale you must be at least 10 years old (12 if you plan to sell a beef animal). You also need to be in the corresponding project for the animal you wish to sell that year AND in the previous 4-H year. In addition, you should have shown at least one of the same species animals in the previous year's county fair.

Taking part in the showmanship classes in the previous years fair is not required, but we do recommend it as it provides valuable experience that will be useful when you take part in the 4-H Market Sale.

If you'd like to learn more about 4-H Market Sale reach out to one of your participating club members or contact the Bayfield County 4-H Office.

4-H Older Member Awards

Did you know that if you are a 4-H member in 8th-12th grade you can receive funding for a variety of trips and also receive recognition awards that look great on a resume?

Each year (usually in September) the Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association sends applications to all 4-H members in 8th-12th grade. This is a fairly basic application where you describe your involvement in 4-H, and any non-4-H community service you have done.

A group of 4-H Volunteers then hold short interviews with the applicants and determine who will receive which awards that year.

Recognition awards include a variety of leadership, community service, and entrepreneur awards that are presented to youth at our November Awards & Recognition Dinner.



CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS: Grades 10-12. Late June/early July. Approximately 120 Wisconsin youth are selected to attend this leadership program held at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C. Participants learn the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders. The week consists of participatory workshops, speakers, committee work, field trips, and social events. If awarded, the 4-H Leaders Association will cover ½ of the cost of this trip (\$1750 total).

FALL FORUM: Grades 8-12. First weekend in November. The Forum provides youth and adult volunteers the opportunity to learn, teach, network, and discuss critical issues and initiatives with the 4-H Youth Development program area state and local staff on policies affecting Wisconsin 4-H. Award includes full cost, travel, & lodging.

AMERICAN SPIRIT EAST: Grades 8-10. 3 10-day trip dates to choose from in June & July. The American Spirit East Leadership Program is an opportunity for youth to develop knowledge of America's Heritage, citizenship, and leadership through a 10-day educational tour of historical sites in the Eastern states & Canada including Philadelphia, New York City, Boston, & Niagara Falls. If awarded, the 4-H Leaders Association will cover ½ of the cost of this trip (\$1900 total).

NORTHERN DISTRICT WINTER CAMP: This three-day teen camp, held in January at a Northern Wisconsin camp facility focuses on teen issues and recreation. Up to ten Bayfield County 4-H'ers, in eighth grade or older, are selected. Award winners receive scholarships to cover ½ the cost from the Leaders Association to attend. 4-H'ers may receive scholarships to attend this event more than once.



Here are some of the travel opportunity awards included in Older Member Awards:

4-H SENIOR TRIP: Grades 11-12. This is a special opportunity to receive funding for a project related educational experience of your choice. This should be a conference, show, or learning opportunity related to a 4-H project that you are passionate about. Individuals can only be awarded this trip one time, either during their junior or senior year of high school. If awarded, The Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association will pay half of or up to \$800 of your trip costs including registration, travel, & lodging.

SUMMER ACADEMY: Grades 8-10. 4 days mid-June. This Positive Youth Development conference will help you discover pathways to your future. Sign up to learn what it takes to have a career, or a hobby in several SPARK areas including agriculture, STEM, service, leadership, arts, trades, and many more. There will be fun opportunities to build networks and friendships with folks from all over the state of WI. Takes place on the UW-Madison campus with lodging in UW residence halls. If awarded, the 4-H Leaders Association will cover ½ of the cost of this trip (\$350 total).

Other Funding Opportunities

Senior Scholarships

The Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association annually awards two \$500 scholarships to graduating Bayfield County 4-H seniors. Applications go out in January and are due on March 1st. Applicants must have been a 4-H member in good standing for the past 3 years.

Congratulations to last years' scholarship recipients: Brielle Mesik, Brinley Tonn, & Paige Tuura

Mini-Grant Funding

If you are a 4-H adult leader or member that wants to plan a 4-H club or community event the Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association has funds available to help you cover the costs (up to \$150)! All you need to do is apply for and receive approval for a mini-grant. To do this please either visit our website or contact the 4-H office.

Types of funding that will be considered include:

- Educational experiences for 4-H club & project meetings
- ideas that help to promote and retain active interest of 4-H members
- events or experiences that demonstrate youth leadership and positive community development.

Reimbursement Requests

If there is a 4-H event or opportunity you would like to take part in that is not typically covered by the Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association funding policy, you can still apply for funding using our Request for Reimbursement Form. All submitted requests are reviewed and decided upon by the Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association. You can find this form on our website or by contacting the Bayfield County 4-H Office.

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation also has funds available that you can apply for. More information is located on the WI 4-H website, or by contacting your local 4-H office.

District and State 4-H Competitions

Up to \$50 per 4-H member per year will be considered for registration costs for these events. (Team requests need to complete the mini-grant application.)

Participation on State Teams

(Art, Photography, Drama, Showcase Singers, Youth Leader Council): Funds may be available.

4-H Space Camp

Participants in this state 4-H sponsored experience may be awarded up to ½ the registration cost.



State Fair

Funds may be available. Contribution will be based on decision made by the Finance and/or Executive committee of the Leaders' Association. Receipts are required for reimbursement.

Adult Leader Training

(including Fall Forum): \$50.00 per event for registration, lodging, and requested mileage at \$.35 per mile may be available.

Adult Chaperoning

Mileage, at \$.35/mile, may be requested for any adult leader serving as a chaperone for a district or state event if the distance traveled is 50+ miles round trip and not reimbursable by other sources.

(Pre-approval is necessary to facilitate ride sharing). This includes the State Fair.

Horse Project Opportunities

Wisconsin 4-H has many equine opportunities throughout the year! Some of them include:

Gymkhana-

September 7th, 2024 — West Allis, WI

Deadline to register: August 1, 2024

September horse and pony competition featuring speed pattern racing events such as barrels, flag race, plug race, pole bending, LT special, and key



Hunt & Dressage Show-

June 28-30th, 2024— Plymouth, WI

Deadline to register: May 15, 2024

A 3 day event with educational clinics and riding shows

Horse Education Days-

May 10-11th, 2024 — UW Green Bay Campus

Deadline to register: April 1, 2024

A competitive teams event that tests members knowledge about horses that takes place each June (no riding or trailering horses required)

More information on these events is available at go.wisc.edu/4hhorseproject

For more information on horse opportunities and funding please contact our 4-H office or consider getting involved in our Bayfield County 4-H Equine Council



Equine Council

Did you know that if you are in any of the 4-H horse projects you are automatically a member of our county's Equine Council?

The Bayfield County 4-H Equine Council is a chartered 4-H club that functions similarly to other 4-H community clubs, but the focus is just on horses. There is an organization leader, project leaders, youth project leaders, and officers that meet and put together countywide horse events, fundraise, and organize member groups that attend state events.

Funding for district and state equine events is also available through the Bayfield County 4-H Equine Council. For more information on the current funding policies please contact our 4-H Office.

We are looking for additional members and volunteers interested in getting involved with the council. If you would like to learn more, please get in contact with our 4-H office, or with Equine Council's current Organizational Leader Crystal Wehrman of Gitche Gume.

Equine Mini Clinic for Grades 3-5

Led by 4-H Ambassador Avana Beeksma, learn about groundwork, showmanship basics, horse education & care, taking part in the fair, and tack basics!



Saturday, March 17th, 1-3pm

For more information please contact the 4-H office.

State & National 4-H Opportunities

Virtual 4-H Project Opportunities

The state 4-H office offers a variety of virtual opportunities to members throughout the year. Please look for emails about these opportunities, or you can always check out the Wisconsin 4-H Calendar to see what is coming up.

Virtual opportunities include book clubs, project kits where boxes of supplies are mailed to you, global exploration series, art workshops, baking workshops, and animal showmanship learning sessions.

CLOVER by 4-H

National 4-H offers a wide array of online interactive activities and games for youth of all ages. Content is created in collaboration with university staff throughout the U.S.

To learn more about CLOVER go to 4-H.org/clover/about/

Wisconsin 4-H Wildlife & Forestry Education Program

If you are interested in wildlife, ecology, or forestry, consider checking out what Wildlife WI WHEP or WI 4-H Forestry has to offer at go.wisc.edu/4Hwildlife

These state organizations put together in-person and virtual workshops, contests, and projects for 4-H youth and their families.

WI 4-H Dog Agility & Obedience Shows

Did you know there are state and national 4-H youth dog shows? Did you know that we used to have a junior dog show at the Bayfield County Fair?

This has mostly been a self-driven project area for several years, by youth livestock program but we would love to see a more active dog project in our county. We are looking for an experienced volunteer to start a countywide dog agility and obedience program. Please contact our 4-H Office if you are interested.



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Wisconsin Shooting Sports

Whether you are interested in archery, muzzleloading, pistol, rifle, or shotgun, there are fun and competitive state and district youth events that you can take part in.

If you are a parent or 4-H leader interested in expanding our county's 4-H shooting sports opportunities, please get in contact with our 4-H office! We need certified-to-teach volunteers in order to make this a program with youth opportunities in our county. You must be willing to complete an 8 hour in-person training as well as a 2 hour online training.

More information located at go.wisc.edu/4hshootingports



Wisconsin 4-H Youth Livestock Program

Members in any of the livestock projects such as beef, swine, sheep, goats, or dairy might be interested in seeing what the WI 4-H Youth Livestock Program has to offer.

Some opportunities include:

- Area Animal Science Days- a series of events held in June where youth can increase their decision-making skills and knowledge of animals through judging and grading experiences.
- Virtual learning opportunities specific to livestock
- Farm tours throughout the state
- Livestock & Dairy quiz bowl and skillathon con-

Opportunities For Creative Youth



4-H Arts Camp

This overnight art camp for youth in **grades 6-8** is held at Camp Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells each fall. Enjoy a fun filled weekend exploring arts & crafts, music, photography, theater & more! More info at go.wisc.edu/ArtCamp



4-H ArtBEAT!

This overnight art camp for youth in **grade 3-5** is held at Camp Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells each March. Enjoy a fun filled weekend of hands on activities in arts & crafts, music, & drama. Parents are not required to attend, but they are welcome to stay on with their child as a chaperone .

2024 Information:

Dates: March 15-17 (Friday 6:30pm—Sunday 11am)

Cost: \$110 (funding to offset this cost may be available through the Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association & Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, just ask!)

More information available at go.wisc.edu/ArtBeat

4-H Family Newsletter

4-H State Arts Team

Each year, 4-H Teens in **grades 9-13** can apply to be in the year's Wisconsin 4-H Art Team. If you are passionate about art and would like to gain leadership skills, this opportunity may be a good fit for you. You will attend a planning weekend at Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells in April. At this planning weekend you will work with youth around the state to plan that years Summer Academy Art Exhibit, create art, and learn about the visual arts. You will also plan and lead art activities and presentations for Summer Academy in June & Fall Forum in November.

The cost is \$700 and includes all expenses for the 3 day planning weekend & the 8 day programming week at Summer Academy in Madison. Scholarships may be available through our 4-H Leaders Association, and through the WI 4-H Foundation.

The deadline to apply for the 2024 season is January 16th! Please contact the 4-H office or sign up on 4HOnline if you are interested!

4-H Drama Company

Each year, 4-H teens in **grades 9-13** can apply to be in the year's Wisconsin 4-H Drama Company. If you are passionate in theater this would be a great opportunity for you. You will attend a planning weekend in April at

Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. There you will work with other teens around the state to develop a show that you then perform at Summer Academy in June. You will have the opportunity to gain experience in directing & acting.



If you'd like to learn more about this experience, please reach out to the 4-H Office. We can put you in touch with a Bayfield County 4-H member that has taken part in this in the past so that you can get a better idea of what to expect.

The cost is \$700 and includes all expenses for the 3 day planning weekend & the 8 day programming week at Summer Academy in Madison.

Scholarships may be available through our 4-H Leaders Association, and through the WI 4-H Foundation.

Youth Leadership & Development Opportunities

Citizenship Washington Focus

A unique summer opportunity for 4-H members in grades 10-12 to spend a week in Washington D.C. learning about citizenship & leadership and touring local historical sites.

Funding is available by applying through the Bayfield County 4-H Older Member Awards process. Registration opens in December each year.



National 4-H Conference

A unique opportunity for 4-H youth in grades 10-12 to spend a week in April in Washington D.C. working to strengthen the 4-H youth development program in our country. Youth will participate in discussions & workshops with the state legislature and youth and adults from across the country.

Youth interested in attending must apply by Dec 1st of the prior year, and delegates are chosen by the Wisconsin 4-H office.

Cost: \$2000 (scholarships may be available.)

Youth as Partners in Civic Leadership Conference

This 3-day October conference at Upham Woods is for high school youth. If you are interested in being a leader in change, making a difference in your community, & expanding your skills in civic engagement and leadership this may be a good option for you. The focus of this conference deals with community organizing, diversity & inclusion, equality & justice, & action planning.

To learn more, contact the 4-H office, or look for emails about the event in September.

Restorative Justice Summit

This summer opportunity for high school youth will give you the opportunity to collaborate with other youth and adults from around the state to advance equitable, evidence-based restorative justice and peacemaking practices that aim to transform youth services, programs, and communities in Wisconsin.

To learn more, look for information on dates and registration in April, or contact the 4-H Office.

National 4-H Congress

A five-day educational experience held in Atlanta, Georgia each November. 4-H members in grades 9-12 from around the U.S. will have the opportunity to engage in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion through workshops, educational trips, meetings, & community service activities.

Registration will open in June of 2024. If you are interested in attending this experience, please get in contact with the 4-h office. We had a Bayfield County 4-h member attend this in 2023 that would be happy to tell you more about their experience.

Cost: \$1400 (scholarships may be available)

Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council

The Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council is a group of 4-H high school aged members & leaders from across the state that works together to shape 4-H at the state level. If you are a 4-H member in grades 9-11, or a 4-H leader that is passionate about 4-H and wants to advocate for the program at the state level, this may be a good opportunity for you.

Members of WLC meet virtually and in-person throughout the year and all your costs to take part are generally covered. Members are elected at Fall Forum each November.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact the 4-H office.



Wisconsin 4-H Travel Opportunities

Fall Forum

All 4-H members in grades 7-13 as well as 4-H Leaders are invited to attend Fall Forum during the first weekend of November! Connect, collaborate, celebrate 4-H, and build excitement and energy for the 4-H year ahead.

You will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of fun and educational workshops & activities. 2024 Fall Forum will be November 2-3. The location is TBD but was held in Green Lake last year. Cost: Approx. \$120 (registration, dining, & lodging) + transportation

Older members who apply for Fall Forum through the Bayfield County 4-H Older Member Award process can attend for free.

Space Camp

This is a popular 5 night trip in April for 4-H members in grades 6-8 at the U.S Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Participants will learn about what it's like to be a NASA astronaut by going on a simulated space mission.

Registration opens up each November and fills up quickly. If you are interested in attending, please look for emails about registration as the opening date approaches.

Cost: \$900 (/\$450: The Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association has funds to cover ½ of this cost for families who apply, for more information contact the 4-H Office)

Advanced Space Academy

This is a new opportunity available through Wisconsin 4-H that is currently running on odd-numbered years. The next Advanced Space Academy Trip will run in January of 2025 and information will be available in the fall of 2024.

A unique opportunity for 4-H members in grades 10-12 to take part in an advanced and immersive space camp & simulated space mission experience with a focus on STEM at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

For more information, please check out go.wisc.edu/AdvancedSpace or contact our 4-H office. Several 4-H members attended the trip in 2023 and can provide details about the trip.

Cost is \$2000. Scholarship funds through state and county sources may be available.

American Spirit Trip East

A unique summer opportunity for 4-H members in grades 8-10. Spend 10 days touring American historical & heritage sites along the East Coast on a tour bus with other Wisconsin 4-H Youth. This is a popular trip that fills quickly! Registration opens each October and trips run in June & July.

The approximate cost is \$1900 but 4-H Older Member Award applicants can apply to receive a scholar-



Summer Academy

This is a popular new program for youth in grades 7-12. Spend 5 nights on the UW-Madison campus in June and discover pathways to your future. At registration, you can choose from a variety of career tracks and then take part in a wide variety of related activities and seminars.

Tracks include:

- STEM
- Human Services
- Arts & Communication
- Trades
- Culinary & Health
- Leadership & Civic Engagement
- Agriculture & Animal Sciences

2024 Summer Academy will be held June 24-28th & registration is currently open.

Cost: \$450 (lodging, meals, & bus transportation from Rice Lake)

Each year the Bayfield County 4-H leaders Association pays for half of the cost of this trip for a group of youth who apply through our 4-H Older member Awards process.

Want to learn more? We sent a group of Bayfield County youth to this last year, please check in with the 4-H office, many of these participants will be happy to share their experience.

Enrollment & Volunteer Trainings



Each fall 4-H members and leaders need to enroll or re-enroll in 4-H on 4HOnline to maintain their membership and choose their new year's projects.

Enrollment opens on September 1st and runs until October 31st. After that time, clubs and project leaders are sent member lists and project lists.

You are still able to enroll on 4-H Online at any time, but if you do enroll after the October 31st date, you will need to check in with your club leader so that you can get put onto the club's project lists and roster.

If you plan to enter anything at the fair, please remember to add or change any projects by March 31st at the absolute latest.

When you enroll in 4HOnline, this provides us with emergency contact information & health information that we will need at 4-H meetings and events in case of an emergency.

Enrolling in 4HOnline also covers you under our liability and accident insurance.

If you are an adult who plans to volunteer with 4-H or serve as a leader, please remember to reenroll each year as well and complete any needed trainings or background checks for that year. If you have questions about the requirements or need help, please contact the 4-H office.

Club Dues & Insurance

After the initial enrollment period closes on October 31st of each year, each 4-H Club is requested to pay club dues for each of their enrolled members.

The cost of dues are:

\$1- Cloverbuds

\$3- Club members (Grades 3-13)

\$1 Additional for all horse project members

Free- Adult Volunteers

The Bayfield County 4-H Leaders Association covers the cost of all leaders, and pays the extra amount for horse leaders.

What do the dues cover?

\$1.00 of these dues (\$2.00 for horse members & leaders) pays for a \$2,500 **accident insurance** policy through American Income Life for all youth and volunteers participating in 4H events.

Liability insurance is provided to all enrolled youth and certified volunteers by Wisconsin 4-H. This is part of why it is important to re-enroll on 4HOnline each fall!



Clubs & project leaders can also take out a **special event insurance policy** to cover a sledding, swimming, skiing, or other higher risk events that may involve family members or others not covered by the member policy. (Note that the policy will only cover youth 5 & older)

Please contact the 4-H Office prior to your 4-H event and we will help you out so that you are covered in the case of an accident!








When 4-H Volunteers and Leaders reenroll they need to complete:

- Background Check (every 4 years)
- 1 time virtual "Grow Green" training (new this year and replacing VIP training) (1.5 hours)
- 1 time virtual Mandated Reporter Training (45 minutes)
- 1 time virtual "Building Safe Spaces" training (20 minutes) & short refresher every 2 years
- Yearly 10 minute refresher "Supporting You, Supporting Youth"

Not sure if you have completed all of these steps? Please look for emails from our office, or get in contact with Kaylie at 715-373-3287.

2024 Bayfield County 4-H Calendar

<p>January</p> <p>22— Leaders Association Meeting</p> 	<p>February</p> <p>19— Leaders Association Meeting 26— Ambassador Zoom Meeting</p> 	<p>March</p> <p>1— Deadline: Senior Scholarships 1-2— Shooting Sports Invitational 15— Cultural Arts entry forms due 16— 4-H Project Making Day (K-4) 18— Executive Meeting, Leaders 23— 4-H Horse Clinic 31— Last day to add/ drop projects</p>
<p>April</p> <p>1— Horse Education Days registration deadline 12— Deadline: Premium Book cover contest 13— Cultural Arts Festival 15— Leaders Association Meeting 15— Clothing & Foods Revue entry forms due to office 15— Fair premium list cover contest deadline 30— Giant Pumpkin & Sunflower contest sign up deadline</p>	<p>May</p> <p>1— Camp Counselor Applications Due 4— Clothing & Foods Revues 4— Shooting sports leader certification workshop— Eau Claire 15— Hunt & Dressage Show registration deadline 10-11— Horse Education Days 20— Executive Meeting, Leaders 31— Summer newsletter submission deadline</p>	<p>June</p> <p>17— Leaders Association Meeting TBD— Camp Counselor Training 1 21— Early bird Deadline: Entry forms to Fair Office 24-27— Summer Academy 28-30— Hunt & Dressage Show 28— Camp Counselor training @ Crosswoods 29-July 1— 4-H Summer Camp</p>
<p>July</p> <p>1— Campers go home @ 11am 15— Leaders Association Meeting 26— Final Deadline: Fair Entry Forms to Fair Office</p> <p>TIME TO START GETTING YOUR FAIR ENTRIES READY TO GO!</p> 	<p>August</p> <p>1— Gymkhana registration deadline 8-11— Bayfield County Fair 31— Fall newsletter submission deadline</p> <p>TIME TO FINALIZE AND TURN RECORD BOOKS & PERMANENT RECORDS TO CLUB LEADERS!</p> 	<p>September</p> <p>1— New 4-H Year Begins! 2— 4HOnline Enrollment Opens 7— Gymkhana, West Allis, WI 13-15— 4-H Horse Expo 14— Shooting sports leaders certification workshop, Marshfield 16— Leaders Association Meeting 30— Older Member Award applications due</p>
<p>October</p> <p>1— Club PAF & shield forms due to office 2— Older Member Award interviews 5— Older Member Award Interviews 6-12— National 4-H Week 21— Executive Meeting, Leaders 31— Last day to enroll on 4HOnline</p>	<p>November</p> <p>2-3— Fall Forum 9— Awards & Recognition Dinner 18— Annual Meeting & Elections 30— Winter newsletter submission deadline</p> <p>CLUB LISTS AND PROJECT LISTS WILL BE MAILED TO CLUBS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH</p> 	<p>December</p> <p>Happy Holidays!</p> 